

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of operating a plurality of types of consumer electronic devices interconnected to form a network, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) configuring a resource manager of said network with an access policy during network initialization;
 - b) receiving a service request indicating an identity of a user;
 - c) based on said identity; said resource manager determining whether said service request violates said access policy;
 - d) provided said service request is permissible, said resource manager determining whether resources of said network necessary for carrying out said service request are available; and
 - e) provided said resources necessary for carrying out said service request are available, said resource manager transmitting control signals to said network causing said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices to carry out said service request.

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6. (Amended) A method as described in Claim 5 wherein said resources comprise hard resources and soft resources, and wherein said hard resources comprise said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices

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and wherein said soft resources comprise content information accessible by said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices.

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9. (Amended) A computer-usable medium having computer-readable program code embodied therein for causing a computer system to perform a method of managing resources within a network including a plurality of types of consumer electronic devices interconnected to form a network, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) configuring a resource manager of said network with an access policy during network initialization;
 - b) receiving a service request indicating an identity of a user;
 - c) based on said identity; said resource manager determining whether said service request violates said access policy;
 - d) provided said service request is permissible, said resource manager determining whether resources of said network necessary for carrying out said service request are available; and
 - e) provided said resources necessary for carrying out said service request are available, said resource manager transmitting control signals to said network causing said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices to carry out said service request.
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14. (Amended) A computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 13 wherein said resources comprise hard resources and soft resources, and

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wherein said hard resources comprise said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices and wherein said soft resources comprise content information accessible by said plurality of types of consumer electronic devices.

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17. (Amended) A home server coupled to control a network of different types of consumer electronic devices, said home server comprising:

- a) means for storing an access policy;
- b) means for receiving a service request indicating an identity of a user;
- c) means for determining whether said service request violates said access policy based on said identity;
- d) means for determining whether resources of said network necessary for carrying out said service request are available; and
- e) provided said service request is permissible and provided said resources necessary for carrying out said service request are available, means for causing respective ones of said different types of consumer electronic devices to carry out said service request.

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22. (Amended) A home server as recited in Claim 21 wherein said resources comprise hard resources and soft resources, and wherein said hard resources comprise said different types of consumer electronic devices
